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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification**

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

--Cross-Reference To Related Applications

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**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-35 and add the following new claims.

36. A method for isolating a polyhydroxyalkanoate from a biomass derived from a transgenic plant comprising the polyhydroxyalkanoate, the method comprising: